be given the highest priority. Recommendations of Chakravarty Committee are not at variance with the approach of the Reserve Bank of India to bank lending to priority sector.

(d) Does not arise.

Loan from Asian Development Bank

1079. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has approved a loan of US 100 million dollar to India; and

(b) if so, what are the projects which will be financed by this loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Asian Development Bank has approved a loan of U.S. dollar 100 million to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) at its Board meeting on 3rd April, 1986. The purpose of the ADB loan is to help ICICI meet part of the foreign exchange requirements of private enterprises in the industrial sector. ICICI will utilise the loan for re-leeding to industrial enterprises. While such re-lending would be aimed mainly at assisting the modernisation of existing industrial production facilities, a portion may also be used to establish new enterprises designed to introduced new technology in India.

Committee to look into Safety requirement of mines

1080. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a committee to look into the safety requirements in mines;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee; and

(c) by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unsatisfactory conditions in glass factory in Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh

1081. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the most dangerous and hazardous conditions under which the workers particularly the children are required to work and the inhuman treatment meted out to them in the glass factories in Firozabad in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the working conditions prevailing in the glass factories in Firozabad, if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Factories Act, 1948 prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 years in any factory. Enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948, in the glass factories is the responsibility of the State Governments. As reported by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, 88 children employed in 21 factories have been found to be below the age of 14 years and legal action has been initiated against the factories concerned. A team of officers of the Labour Department of Uttar Pradesh have also been deputed to enquire into the matter.

Opening of Divisional Office of LIC in Jammu and Kashmir

1082. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Divisional Office of Life Insurance Corporation is likely to be opened in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what will be its location; and

(c) whether it will be possible for Government to open the office in Jammu where amenities and facilities are adequate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. LIC has already opened a new Divisional Office with headquarters at Srinagar to supervise the working of the branches in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, which include the branches in the Jammu Region as well. There is no proposal at present for the setting up of another Division in Jammu.

Grant of permission to install a roller floor mill in Heeranagar, Jammu

1083. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir had given permission to Shri Udey Chand to install a 30 Mts Roller Flour Mill at Heeranagar in the Kathua district of Jammu about four years back;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the papers in this connection had been sent to the Ministry of Food and Supplies by the State Government but on various reasons the final permission was not granted by the Union Ministry and the matter was left in abeyance; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not given permission to install a flour mill at Heeranagar which is situated at the railway head and National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir had requested the Central Government in 1985 to consider requests from certain entrepreneurs for grant of permission for establishment of new roller flour mills in the State, which included the request of Shri Udey Chand. As the policy of the Government since 24-5-1980 was not to permit establishment of new roller flour mills in the country, the State Government was informed that their recommendations for establishment of new units in the State could not be agreed to. They were also informed that such requests could be considered only if and when any relaxation in the then policy was announced.

It has now been decided to permit a limited number of new units of capacity upto 30 Mts per day to be set up in various States/Union Territories. The State Governments/Union Territories had been advised to obtain applications from entrepreneurs for grant of permission and forward them to Central Government before 30th April, 1986 for further consideration.

Introduction of computerised reservation in the ITDC

1084. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce computerised reservations in the India Tourism Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) ITDC in cooperation with the Indian Airlines proposes to introduce the system of computerised reservations in its hotels. To begin with, Computerised reservation are proposed to be introduced in Hotel Ashok, New Delhi w.e.f. 1-6-86.

Strike in Hotel Ashok, New Delhi

1085. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of Hotel Ashok, New Delhi went on strike in the recent past;